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HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

Use soap bark for cleaning woolen

dress goods.

Cream and acids do not combine, while milk and acids will.

Show, sprinkled over carpets and

brushed off before it has melted is an

excellent dust settler.

Half of a teaspoonful of sugar scattered

over a dying fire is better than

kerosene, and has no element of dan-

ger.

Flour absorbs odors easily, and

should therefore not be kept where

onions, fish, cheese or other odorous

substances are.

Muslins, ginghams and calicoes

should be starched with starch in

which a piece of alum as big as a nick-

ory nut has been dissolved.

The best way to preserve silver or-

naments is to wrap them in silver

paper and lay them in a tin box filled

with arrowroot-dry arrowroot, or

couscous.

Tea is much better when brewed in

a pot that has been heated thoroughly

than in a cold one. A cup of boiling

water used to rinse the pot is the best

method of heating it.

Children's clothing should be as light

and warm as possible, with flannel or

wool next to the skin, either material

so warm will ward off dangerous chills

and prevent colds.

In severe paroxysms of coughing try

one or two tablespoonfuls of pure

glycerine, mixed with pure whiskey or

hot, rich cream. It is said to give al-

most immediate relief.

A dainty little cracker is now served

with oysters on fashionable tables. It

is in the shape of a blue-point oyster

shell, and is said to be especially nice

in quality as well as picturesque in

form.

Once a month the wicks of lamps

should be removed, and the burners

unscrewed and boiled in a little water

in which common soda has been dis-

solved. This will remove the coating

of grease and dust which forms on the

brass.

Don't keep a growing girl or boy

sitting wearily in a stiff position to

practice music for an hour or two at a

time. Better fifteen minutes of rest,

faithful practice twice a day than two

hours of dull, listless, dragged-out

thumping.

By applying a little of the best car-

riage oil varnish carefully with a

camel's hair brush to the edges of

broken china, the broken pieces will

join together, the fracture will

when thoroughly dry, be hardly per-

ceptible, and the china will stand fire

and water.

An egg cooks just under the boiling

point to curl. To get a curled boiled

egg, dip it in water, then in oil, and

boil it. The oil will seal the pores of

the egg, and it will cook evenly.

When the kitchen range is "cleaned

out" there will be a considerable quan-

tity of grease left. It is not a bad idea

to pour a little of this grease into a

pan, and heat it. It will be found that

it is the best thing in the world for

polishing tinware, far surpassing all

the prepared powders and pastes sold

for that purpose. Apply it to the tin

with a damp cloth, and a few strokes

will produce such a lustre as is not

to be obtained in any other way.

Go to the City Drug store for a

good smoke.

A MEMORY OF JESSE JAMES.

His Dramatic Interview With Dick Stapp.

Across Missouri Bay.

The suicide of Dick Stapp at Webb

City, Mo., the other day recalls to

State Auditor Van B. Frather a recol-

lection of the suicide's brother, R. B.

Stapp, notorious twenty years ago as

Dick Stapp. For a number of years

Dick Stapp lived in the Short Creek

lead mining regions, in Cherokee

County, which is the home of Mr.

Frather. Stapp became notorious in

connection with the Jesse James gang.

"All right," said Frather, "where he

kept a saloon. The James gang had

designed to raid the money vaults of

the Granby Mining Company, and

they took Stapp into the enterprise.

At the same time they planned the

raid on the bank at Hannibal. Stapp, who

was a great coward, was at the last

moment and told the officers of the

plot.

Afterwards, at the trial of the only

one of the Ottumwa robbers who was

arrested, Stapp was the principal wit-

ness for the State, and the man was

sent to the penitentiary. Stapp was

compelled to leave Hannibal by fear of

assassination at the hands of his for-

mer confederates, and went to Short

Creek, where he opened a saloon at

Gideon. Here one night, when he was

on watch alone, a man wearing blue

goggles and a slouch hat well down

over his face appeared and called for

a drink. It was given to him, and as

the man drank, Dick Stapp said: "Your

name is Dick Stapp, is it not?"

"I believe I do," replied Stapp, at the

same time reaching for his pistol be-

hind the bar. "I am quicker than you

are, as you ought to know," exclaimed

the stranger, producing a 44 Colt from

his overcoat pocket. "But I have not

come to shoot. This is a mission of

peace. I want you to be out of the

way when we give ourselves up to the

authorities. If you are not some of

us, we will put you out of the way."

"All right," said Stapp, "with that

the stranger walked out of the house. It

was Jesse James.

Soon after that Stapp went out of

the saloon business and engaged in

mining, but he was a consumptive

and died before Frank James's sur-

rendered him. He was a California

where he died, thus depriving the

State of Missouri of the only witness

who could connect Frank James with

the Ottumwa affair.—Correspondence

to the Kansas City Times.

Potato Cookery.

It seems a pity, when there are so

many delicious ways of serving pota-

toes, that they are ever sent to the

table in the unappetizing lump form

which is most prevalent. Here are a

few recipes for the everlasting

"boiled" potato.

Potatoes in Jackets.—Boil as many

potatoes as are needed. Cut a small

piece from one end and a larger one

from the other. Remove the inside

and cut the potato in slices. Put in

the fire with half an ounce of butter

and one ounce of grated cheese for

every four potatoes. Add boiling milk, salt

and pepper as for mashed potatoes.

Fill the skins with this potato, sprinkle

top with grated bread crumbs and

cheese and put in the oven to brown.

Potato Souffle.—Boil six good-sized

mealy potatoes. Rub through a sieve

scald a tumbler of sweet milk and three

teaspoons of butter. Add a little salt

and pepper and mix with the potatoes.

Beat a cream. Add one of a rose

leaf and beaten yolks of six eggs. Beat

the whites to a froth and stir lightly

into the mixture. Pour into a well-

buttered baking dish and bake for

about half an hour in a quick oven.

Potato Balls.—Mix some potatoes

with salt, pepper, butter and a little

beaten egg. Roll into balls, dip in

beaten egg, roll in bread crumbs and

bake for a few minutes in hot butter.

Potted Potatoes.—Wash and

season with pepper and salt, and

boil in water. Mince a large onion

fine, mix thoroughly with the potatoes

and bake in a brick oven.

Oven does should not be slammed

nor any jarring noise made when it

is closed, as this is a bad habit. It is

almost invariably the result of jarring.

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The Stapp Case.

"Let me see you! Whoop! Whoop!"

The rest of this abolition of hilarity

emanating from a gentleman who was

one of a party of five enjoying the

glorious excitement of feasting on

fried chicken, was lost in the roar

of the band. The stoutest young

man kept his mouth shut for a few

seconds, for the almost lost reason of

keeping his teeth from being blown

away by the wind. With three men on

the number on the windward side, to

lead the band, the last day over so

that the windward runner was five

feet in the air, with the three men

clinging to the wire stay like mon-

keys to a boy's tree. The hairy

slapper was holding the wire with

both hands and the weight of his body

thrown as much as possible to the

windward side.

The heat was at its highest point

when with fifty yards of the shore,

and the thought that flashed like light-

ning over the minds of these demented

men "will he be able to bring her?"

Everything depended upon him, and

a glance at him as he sat there with

a look of grim determination depicted

upon his bronzed features was such

as to inspire initial confidence. Had

anything broken, a block or stay given

way, the party would have been stuck

up among the branches of the pine

trees that lined the shore. She was

beautifully brought about, however,

within twenty-five feet of the shore.

The run was a good mile and a half,

and it was made in the wonderful

time of one minute and thirty seconds.

—Milwaukee Sentinel.

"The Well of Serpents."

There is a horseshoe-shaped moun-

tain up in Manitoba, which literally

swarms with snakes twice every year.

In the early fall these slithering crea-

tures gather here from all directions

mostly from the prairie country to the

south. In one side of the mountain

there is a circular hole, about fifteen

feet deep, and as smooth as if it had

been fashioned with a well auger.

When tens of thousands of reptiles

gather to spend the cold winter

months. Persons who have tried to

reach this famous snake den dur-

ing the summer, when the regular ten-

ants were absent, say that dozens of

subterranean passages lead out under

the mountains in all directions from

the bottom of the well. Capt. Silvers,

Royal Engineers, estimates that there

are as many as 300,000 snakes of all

sizes here together and piled up in a

small fort-like pile in the middle of

the well. As it is called in the North-

west "The Well of Serpents."

—L. Verges, Watchmaker and

Engraver.

RUN DOWN WITH

DYSPEPSIA

STOMACH

Liver

AND HEART

Affected.

Almost in Despair

But Finally

CURED

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merely going to boom—they are al-

ready booming," said John E. Lee, a

reporter on his return from the great

Cripple Creek banquet. "Going ten

miles over the hills from Midland the

loaded stages have to turn out every

few yards to let four-horse wagons

loaded with rich gold ore pass.

"The banquet afforded the finest ever

given in Denver and cost our hosts \$10

a plate. Around the board were mil-

lions, bankers and leading profes-

sional, scientific and military men. A

distinguished mining expert from Eng-

land told me it was as well-known

and intelligent a company of gentle-

men as he had ever met.

"The speeches were eloquent, witty

and effective. That of Dr. Duggan,

the Leadville banker, brought out the

most valuable bit of information. It

is that Leadville has begun within the

past month or two to rival even Crip-

ple Creek itself in its